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1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SY TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO RSO JAKARTA WHICH REVIEWS SY GENERALLY ESTABLISHED POLICY OF RESTRICTING THE USE OF MARINE GUARDS TO INTERNAL SECURITY ASSIGNMENTS.

2. THE TEXT OF THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO RSS AT THIS POST.

3. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR CONSIDERS SY'S DECISION TO BE SOUND POLICY AND UNDERSTANDS THAT EXCEPTIONS COULD WELL LEAD TO ABUSES OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONCEPTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS WIDE CONCURRANCE THAT THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY CHANGING OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS AND THE JRA ASSAULTS ON DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CAUSED SY TO REEXAMINE THE DEFENSES OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS SO TO ASSURE THE DEPARTMENT AND OURSELVES THAT PAST DECISIONS ARE STILL CORRECT IN THE LIGHT OF OUR CHANGING SITUATION.

4. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR REAFFIRMS THE VALIDITY OF THE POLICY RESTRICTING THE TRADITIONAL INTERNAL USE OF MARINE GUARDS BUT IN THIS DAY CERTAIN SITUATIONS THAT WOULD CREATE
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EXCEPTION TO THE POLICY MUST BE CONSIDERED AT LEAST ON AN AD HOC

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BASIS. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR SUGGESTS THAT THE SITUATION IN JAKARTA MAY WELL BE SUCH A CASE IN POINT. THE AMBASSADOR'S PLAN TO CREATE A DEFENSIVE EXTERNAL SCREENING POINT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A UNIFORM LEVEL OF SECURITY TO FIVE SEPARATE BUILDINGS IS A SOLID PLAN. (THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISORS ONLY REGRET IS THAT HE DID NOT VISUALIZE THE ARRANGEMENT BEFORE THE AMBASSADOR PRESENTED IT.)

5. AN INDISPENSIBLE PART OF THIS SECURITY PLAN FOR THE CHANCERY'S DEFENSE IS THAT THE MID-PERIMETER IS THE CRITICAL CHECK POINT AND MUST BE HANDLED WITH JUDGEMENT BACKED UP BY A DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE WORKING LEVEL OF THIS CONTRACTUAL GUARD FORCE. THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT APPRECIATION OF THE DANGER, NEITHER THE DEDICATION, SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY NOR DISCIPLINE TO CONSISTENTLY CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS AT THIS SCREENING POINT AND IT CAN BE ONLY ACCOMPLISHED WHEN THEY ARE WORKING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD. THE LOCAL INDONESIAN GUARDS ARE HEAVILY PROTECTED BY UNION ORGANIZATIONS AND ARE DIFFICULT TO DISCIPLINE FOR NOT CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS SINCE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF DUTIES. THE RSS CONSIDERS THE USE OF MARINE SUPERVISION AT THIS POINT TO BE A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE PLAN.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, THE CENTRAL SCREENING POINT, AS VISUALIZED, PROVIDES A BROAD UNIFORM PROTECTION TO THE CHANCERY BUILDING AND THE SEPARATE ANNEXES IN AFFECT GIVING THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD LEVEL OF COVERAGE TO ALL THE COMPONENT AGENCIES RATHER THAN JUST TO CHANCERY BUILDING. THIS PERIMETER PLAN COULD WELL PRECLUDE SERIOUS AND JUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM OF UNEQUAL PROTECTION SHOULD AN ASSAULT TAKE PLACE IN AN ANNEX BUILDING RATHER THAN THE CHANCERY BUILDING. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SY CONFER AS EXPITITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE ON THIS DECISION EVEN IF IT IS ONLY IMPLEMENTED FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD. SHOULD SY HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON THIS UTILIZATION OF MSG'S, THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDS THIS CONCEPT BE PRESENTED ON THE AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.
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